

MINUTES FROM MH WORKGROUP MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 2003

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Welcome and Introductions were made.

Updates since last MH Workgroup Meeting –

DAD Coordinating Committee met on 5/8/03. Reviewed approved use of private bed purchase dollars for FY 04. Reminder that we can use DAF monies for patients on 48 hour passes that may need financial assistance. Data Subgroup met immediately after DAD mtg with Joan Durman to review data gathered thus far. Reviewed our plan which is to look at the data, input from the focus groups, and expert analyses, then interpret the data, identify the pressing issues, make data projections, this should all lead to restructuring strategies.

Forensic Subgroup Meeting – met on 5/9/03. Purpose of meeting was to catalogue all forensic issues that have been discussed since the Restructuring Project began. Also, to do further brainstorming. Discussed the bottleneck caused by large numbers of NGRI clients at NVMHI. Lengthy discussion of how to expedite the discharge process for these patients, especially at the point of 48 hour passes.

Steering Committee – met on 5/15/03. The main issues from the Community Forums/Consumer Focus Groups were distributed. Overview of Private Psychiatric Hospital Group meetings, progress of the discussions. Reviewed and revised the Draft Guiding Principles and Objectives.

Updates from Jim Thur – distributed questions to be referred to work groups for inclusion in June 27 report. Reminder to include short and long-term strategies for restructuring. Smaller subgroups need to address their specific issues with position statements. Important to address all issues that were raised in community forums. State funding projections can be made based on Comprehensive State Plan. In Phase 2 of the project we can look at reallocation of dollars to address unmet needs. Education needed throughout the system (private and public sector) on the Recovery Model. Partnering with private hospitals will be critical to the restructuring process.

Updates from Lynn DeLacy – Lynn provided update from the statewide meeting she attended in Richmond. All the reinvestment projects made presentations. Our region was well ahead in the state. Lynn will invite a colleague in Alabama to present to our group in September on an innovative forensic project.

Data Collection and Analysis – Joan Durman – Joan reviewed her data on Population Estimates for the region and Forensics data. The latter data needs further analysis. The numbers are deceiving as they do not accurately reflect the number of transfers from CSH to NVMHI. Joan is still collecting data on geriatric admissions from our region.

Patient Profile Survey – discussion by the group. Lynn will review the survey and attempt to survey all patients at NVMHI prior to next workgroup meeting. Lengthy discussion on definition of aggression. Also, a discussion on maximizing Medicaid eligibility, especially while patients are still in the hospital.

Identification of Issues and Strategies for the MH Workgroup – the workgroup will meet on June 5 to compile all issues and strategies, along with data, and produce a report in bullet form. This will be given to Joan Durman for finalization for the June 27 deadline.

Review of Planning Report deadlines.

Wrap Up – reviewed plan for June 5 meeting. The MH Workgroup will review the key concepts that have been examined over the past several months. We will interpret the findings and develop the short and long term strategies to address the issues.

Next Steps – Meeting Plan for June – July 2003

Thursday, June 5 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. MH Workgroup Meeting (Location: NVMHI)

Tuesday, June 17 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. MH Workgroup Meeting (Room 4/5 Fairfax County Government Center)

Tuesday, July 15 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. MH Workgroup Meeting (Room 4/5 Fairfax County Government Center)